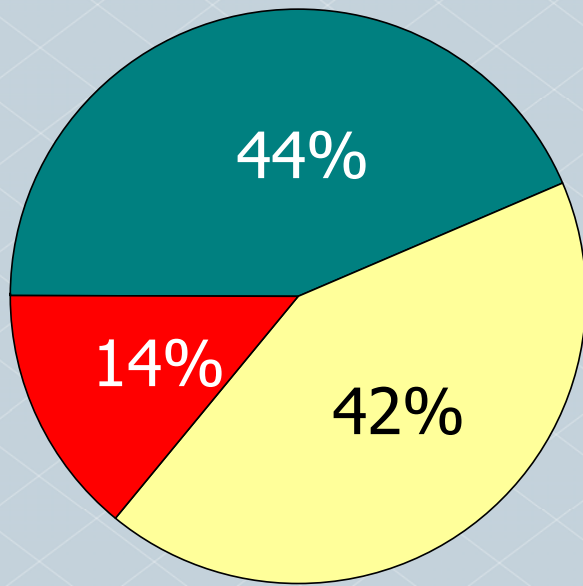
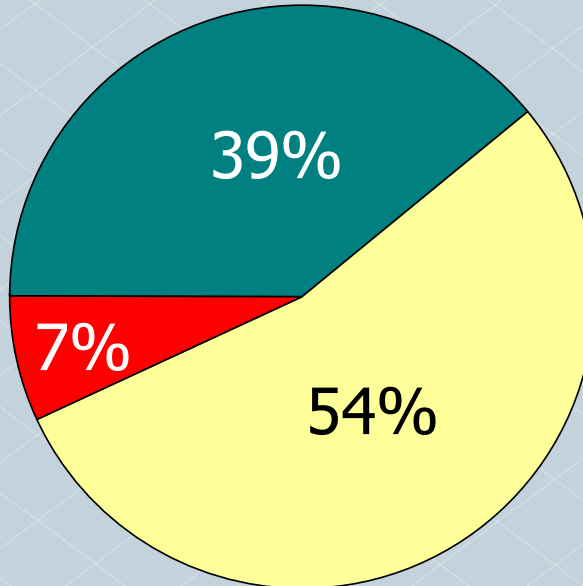


# Mandatory Spending Is Increasing in Importance

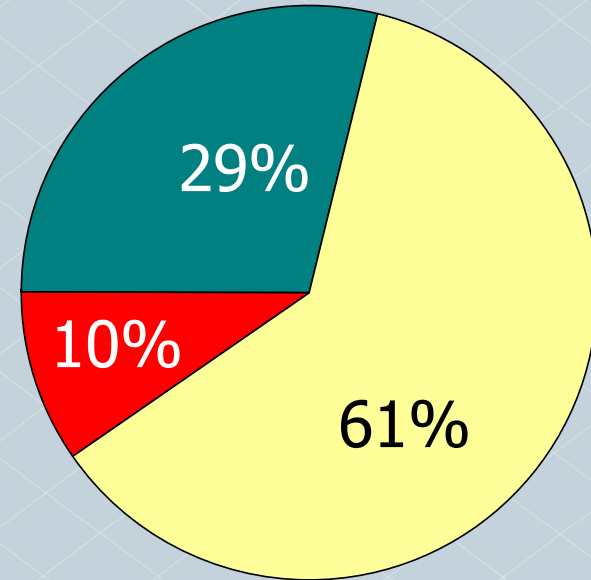
Discretionary  
Mandatory  
Net Interest  
Fiscal year outlays



**1988**



**2004**



**2015**



2015 is CBO January 2005 Baseline, adjusted to assume extension of 2001 and 2003 tax cuts and that the 2005 emergency supplemental is one-time spending.